

# Twelve Serious Queries!

Proposed to the conscientious deliberate consideration of all Electors of *Knights, Citizens, or Burgeses* for the next intended Assembly at *Westminster*, touching Members to be now Elected by them to serve therein.

1. **W**Hether any Novices or young raw Gentlemen or Burgeses, unacquainted with or not versed in Parliamentary, or State Affairs?
  2. Whether any active Contrivers, Imposers, Collectors, Treasurers, Sharers, Continuers of their late and present heavy uncessant Taxes, Excises, Imposts, Contributions?
  3. Whether any open Infringers, Subverters, Impugners of their Hereditary Fundamental Laws, Liberties, Freedoms, by illegal Imprisonments, Confinements, Sequestrations, Disseisins, Seisures of their Estates, Goods, Persons, Writings, forcible ransacking of their Houses, Closets, Cabinets, by Souldiers, or otherwise?
  4. Whether any High Court of Justice-men, who have condemned or executed any English Freemen without a Legal Inditement, or Trial by a lawful Jury of their Peers, against the Great Charters and Fundamental Laws of the Land, and the opinion of the very present Judges themselves, or any who have had a vote in erecting such Judicatories or countenanced them in any kind?
  5. Whether those who have been instrumental in subverting the Rights, Privileges, Freedom, Constitution of Parliaments themselves, and in securing, secluding, imprisoning the Members thereof for the faithful discharge of their duties?
  6. Whether any who have had a vote in depriving most Freeholders, Burgeses of their Voyces, Rights and Freedoms in Elections, both in Counties, Cities, Burroughs, and lately secluded many ancient Burroughs from electing any Burgeses?
  7. Whether any who had a hand in introducing Scottish and Irish Knights, Citizens, Burgeses into the Parliaments of *England* against the very constitution, Privilege, Honor of our English Parliaments and Nation, who have no votes in Scottish or Irish Parliaments, though subordinate to *England* and its Parliaments?
  8. Whether any who have enriched themselves by the unjust plunder and spoyle of any private Persons, or of the publique Lands and Revenues of the Nation, which should defray the Ordinary Expences of the Government, and ought to be resumed for that end to ease the people in and from their Taxes?
  9. Whether any Military Officers in present Command, who impose live upon, levy, share the former, present Publike Taxes, Exercises and are likely to share & dispose of all the future, and have been the chief Instruments of our late Bondage, Oppressions, Burdens, and make a gainful endlesse trade of VVarre?
  10. Whether any timorous, Cowardly, faint-hearted Persons, who will neither speak nor act for the publique Laws, Liberties, Ease, or welfare of the Nation, or very coldly, and will do any thing to secure their own private Interests, though the Publike suffer Shipwracke by it?
  11. Whether any who eagerly canvas for places, Voyces, by Letters from Great men in present power, Bribes, promised favours or rewards, Menaces, or any indirect means; Or Persons of no publik Eminency, Integrity, or Estate, who are more apt to seek their own private interests, and theirs who recommend them, then the publique ease, welfare, settlement of the Nation?
  12. Whether any ambitious or covetous selfseeking Temporizers, who ayme only at their own private preferments by complying with any prevailing party; or such who seek to be chosen to exempt themselves from arrests, or payments of their Debts?
- Whether all or any of these, at any time, but especially at this season, in reason, prudent policy, justice, conscience, may or ought to be elected Knights, Citizens, or Burgeses in any County, City, or Borough whatsoever? And whether the choise of any such in any place, at this instant time, will not be a breach of the Electors trust, an injury to the Nation, and a forfeiture of their right of Electing any Members for the future, if not a betraying of their own as well as the whole English Nations, and Parliaments Rights and Liberties, beyond possibility of any future restitution, if Elections of any or many such should now be made through improvidence, favour, or flattery of Great men? Consider and determine your judgments herein, by your prudent and careful Elections:

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